Remarks

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully respected in light of the claim amendments above and remarks below.

Claims 18-20 were indicated as allowable. Independent claim 18 was indicated as allowable because "...none of the prior art teaches subtracting the ticket generation time from the current system time for the purpose of measuring a delay."

Consistent with the patentable feature of claim 18, Claims 5 and 13 each has been amended to recite,

...comparing a delay to a configurable threshold value, wherein the delay comprises a difference between a current system time minus a time at which the second access node is provided with the information from the mobile terminal minus and a stay time.

Claims 5 and 13 having been amended to substantially correspond to allowable claim 18 are not patentable.

Remaining rejected claims 2-4, 6-10, 12, 14-16, 32 and 33 are now patentable by virtue of their direct or indirect dependence from a respective patentable base claim 5 or 13.

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims represent patentable subject matter and that the application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner has any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned at 609 951-2522.

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